

Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to strong-arm its stations to air a politically motivated smear documentary against someone running for president is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Before consolidation, one rogue station might have made this mistake, even though it probably violates election laws. But now, 62 stations across this country will be airing the program. Sinclair has developed a monopoly that can now manipulate the public with its propaganda. Can you say USSR?

As you know, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. And in these days of media monopolies, it is increasingly important to monitor those companies so that democracy is being served.

Thank you.